

SOLORIO SCHOLARS



NEED HELP APPLYING TO
COLLEGE AND FINANCING
YOUR EDUCATION?



BECOME A SOLORIO SCHOLAR!

Applying to college takes time and effort. It is also costly. There is an application fee to apply for many colleges (e.g., \$60 for UC and \$55 for CSU). The Solorio Scholars program was created to inspire more high school students from central Orange County to apply for college.

The Solorio Scholars program is funded by the Orange County Leadership Fund. The Orange County Leadership Fund supports leadership workshops, innovative education initiatives, neighborhood clean-up projects, and programs addressing local and state policy issues.

The Solorio Scholars program is named in honor of Assemblyman Jose Solorio. Assemblyman Solorio knows the value of higher education. Education pulled him from the agricultural fields of the Central Valley, where he worked alongside his parents, into the classrooms of UC Irvine and Harvard University. That same education helped him get elected to the State Legislature.

Assemblyman Solorio is very supportive of the Orange County Leadership Fund. He hopes the fund will inspire a new generation of young people to pursue higher education and public service.

SOLORIO SCHOLARS BENEFIT BY:

- Receiving personalized help with college applications
- Getting help writing the personal statement for college applications
- Winning up to \$250 per student for application fees
- Attending local workshops on how to receive financial aid
- Being recognized at our awards ceremony

APPLYING IS SIMPLE:

Applying to be a Solorio Scholar is simple and encourages you to get an earlier start in applying to college. Applicants must:

- Be seniors in Anaheim Union High School District, Garden Grove Unified School District or Santa Ana Unified School District
- Turn in a completed application form (back side of this flyer)
- Provide written responses to the personal statements section of the University of California application (described on back side of this flyer)

SOLORIO SCHOLARS PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

In 2009, twenty-five students will be selected as Solorio Scholars. A panel of judges will select the scholars based on a combination of high academic grades and scores, demonstrated leadership in high school and/or community organizations, and well-written personal statements.

Student's name: _____

Address: _____

City, state, zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

High school name: _____

Grade level (must be senior): _____ Overall G.P.A.: _____

SAT score: _____ Career field (if known): _____

Involvement and position in high school and/or community organizations: _____

Colleges planning to apply to: _____

Personal Statements: As part of the University of California application, students must provide well-written responses to the following questions in 2009. Using a **combined total of 1,000 words** to answer the two questions, please provide us your typed responses in a double spaced document(s) and include word counts.

- 1: Describe the world you come from — for example, your family, community or school — and tell us how your world has shaped your dreams and aspirations.
- 2: Tell us about a personal quality, talent, accomplishment, contribution or experience that is important to you. What about this quality or accomplishment makes you proud and how does it relate to the person you are?

Please mail your application and typed personal statements to:

Solorio Scholars Program, attn: Jessica Gutierrez, 530 S. Raitt Street, Santa Ana, CA 92703.



APPLICATION DEADLINE: *A completed application form and personal statements must be postmarked or received by 11:59 p.m. on November 6, 2009. You can download additional applications forms by visiting www.SolorioScholars.com. For more information, please call Jessica Gutierrez at (714) 878-5616.*